



# Maine Maritime Ministry

Sharing the love and gospel of Jesus along the coast of Maine and beyond

**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” Matthew 28:19**

Dear Family & Friends,

JULY 29, 2016

I am amazed at all that God is doing with Maine Maritime Ministry, both old fruit and new. You may remember my neighbor “Buck” who came over to me a while ago and said “I just want to let you know that because of you I have received Christ.” I meet with him most every week and we talk about Jesus together. The other week he came over to the house, all excited. He had been reading his mother’s old Bible and God spoke to him through the book of Leviticus, of all places. He had me read Leviticus 25 out loud to him. He was so amazed at how God spoke to him through His Word!

After that he said to me “I don’t want to offend you, but I am not a fanatic like you. I am a barbarian and I like to share Christ with the heathen--I am more like them.” I am happy to be a “fanatic” or “fool” for Christ. I am happier still to see our spiritual children in Christ grow in the faith and excited to share their faith with others. Buck told me that he wasn’t in church last Sunday because his friend’s daughter died and he went over to comfort him. I told him not to worry, for that is Christ’s ministry as well. God uses each of us in His own way to build His Kingdom. Buck left saying, “I’ll see you in church tomorrow!”



Vickie on a Friendship Sloop

An old friend, Ian, called me last week. I was his Pastor 30 years ago. During our conversation he said, “You introduced me to Christ.” My heart leaped for joy at those words for there is no greater privilege that to introduce someone to the Savior and watch as they grow in Christ.

Enclosed is a new Gospel tract that we had published to help us share Christ along the coast here in Maine. This tool is opening many the good news. This past week was the annual Sloop Homecoming Regatta. Over 100 people fellowship and race this traditional Maine original lobster boat from that age of sail. I pocketfuls of tracts! One lady held it close to said, “May I keep this?!?” I replied, “Of yours.” When I shared it with the Commodore “Are you ordained or licensed minister?” “I ordained,” I answered. “Then we should have fleet sometime!” At the next captains meeting when there was “crew call” (those who need a Friendship Sloop to sail on). I stood and the Commodore said “this man is an ordained minister and it can’t hurt having him sail on your boat during the race today.” I was chosen instantly for the boat God wanted me to sail on. In the middle of the race I received a phone call from my son Samuel about summer camp (Dan and Sam are directing Summer Camp at Pinnacle this year). After sharing counsel to him from the Bible, one of the crew members asked me if I was a priest. I said I was a pastor and handed each of them our new gospel tract. They were all happy to receive it, even though the tracts were a little water soaked.



Perhaps the Commodore was right, we’re leading the pack!

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Thank you for making it possible to “share the love and Gospel of Jesus along the coast” through Maine Maritime Ministry. Your prayers and gifts make it possible to introduce others to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your servant and His,



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